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FOR : ENERGY ABSORBING TYPE STEERING DEVICE, AND
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ASSEMBLING THE
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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(2), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

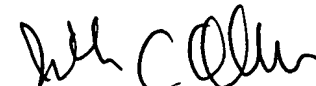
In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

JP 56-8755 and JP 56-6669 are described in the specification on page 2; JP 8-20348 is described in the specification on page 4. An English Abstract is attached to JP 59-92255. US 5,664,806 is a counterpart application to JP 9-2293. JP 3-10964, JP 3-10965, JP 49-145326 and JP 3-5676 were cited in the International Search Report, a copy of which is also enclosed. GB 2 234 208 was cited during the International phase.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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